

# Pacific NorthWest Economic Region

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In 2001, the Montana Legislature pledged its participation in the Pacific NorthWest Economic Region (PNWER). PNWER is a statutory, public/private partnership composed of legislators, governments, and businesses in the Northwest states of Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, and Washington and the Western Canadian provinces of British Columbia, Alberta, and the Yukon Territory. PNWER's mission is to promote greater regional cooperation by governments and business to enhance the region's global competitiveness, while striving to maintain or improve its environment.<sup>1</sup>

PNWER consists of a Delegate Council, which includes the Governor or a designee and four legislators from each participating state and four representatives from each participating province and territory, and an Executive Committee consisting of one legislator from each participating state, province, or territory who is a member of the Delegate Council and four of the Governors, Premiers, or Commissioners or their designees.

Policy committees may be established to address specific topics. The Legislative Council is authorized under 5-11-305, MCA, to make Montana's policy committee appointments to the PNWER. The current committees are: Agriculture, Border Issues, Energy, Environment, Homeland Security, Trade & Economic Development, High Technology, Telecommunications, Health Care, Tourism, Sustainable Development, and Workforce Development.

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